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WOODROW WILSONFor Vice President
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RAILROAD EIGHT HOUR DAY

THE FARMER has held that the eight hour day is now so thoroughly fortified in public law and in public opinion as to be outside the field of arbitration.

If a body of men can be entitled more than another body to an eight hour day, it is the workers who operate the railroads.

Perhaps a right common to all cannot be is peculiarly the right of any group. But there are some simple facts, easy to understand, which seem to give railroad workers a special claim.

Men work primarily to maintain their own lives, and to support their families and rear others to succeed them. The family ties are of the nearest and dearest.

Railroad workers, by the necessity of their occupations, are told off to unusual separation from their families. They are entitled to unusual consideration on this account. The eight hour day will give them more family life, and they ought to have it.

Railroad workers are in an extra hazardous occupation. The average duration of the effective working life of a railroad man is but eleven years. During this period he is pretty sure to be killed, or crippled.

If public opinion requires eight hours as the working day for workers in general, must there not be a stronger public opinion in favor of an eight hour day for workers whose lives will be shorter than the working lives of other men?

The president is standing on sure ground when he requires the railroads of America to take the eight hour day as a basis and then, having tried it, to proceed to the ascertainment of the changes which must be made to keep the arrangement successful.

The eight hour day is outside the scope of arbitration.

Any body of workers demanding it is justified in regarding it as the irreducible minimum. But the conditions under which eight hours of work shall be performed, the terms of payment for necessary overtime, are arbitrable. It is difficult however to arbitrate them before it is known what they are, and before there is a body suitable to make the inquiry and to conduct the adjudication.

If the railroad managers do not see how they can run the railroads on the basis of an eight hour day, they would better turn the job over to the nation. The nation manages an eight hour day in the post office. The post office is better run than the railroads. It pays better wages than the railroads pay. It gives better, surer and cheaper service than the railroads give.

Worse things could happen than that railroad presidents should be stubborn, and that railroads should be run by and for the nation.

STRENGTHENING THE PRINCIPLE

GEORGE POPE, of Hartford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has telegraphed the president, as head of the association, asking the president to support the principle of arbitration.

Mark the president's reply, for it betokens the beginning of an epoch, and of the era of law and order in dealings between railroads and the people. The president says:—

What I am proposing does not weaken or discredit the principle of arbitration. It strengthens it, rather. It proposed that nothing be conceded except the eight hour day, to which the whole economic movement of the time seems to point, and the immediate creation of an agency for determining all the arbitrable elements in this case in the light, not of prediction or forecast, but of established and ascertained facts.

This is the first stage of the direct road to the discovery of the best permanent basis for arbitration when other means than those now available are supplied.

Sooner or later in the history of a nation's industrial development it becomes necessary to lodge in the public power a means of settling disputes that vitally effect the interests of the people.

The relations between the railroads and their workers are of the most vital. The railroads are the arteries of the country through which circulate the life giving substance of industry. The stoppage of this flow would be perilous beyond comparison. Yet here are the private owners who have rights and the workers who have rights. There ought to be a permanent means for determining what these rights are.

NAME TRUSTEE
FOR ESTATE OF
MISSING BANKER

Sharp Contest Over Appointment in Case of Ridgefield Bankrupt.

A sharp contest over the appointment of a trustee for the estate of Augusto Bertotti, formerly of Ridgefield, who disappeared from his usual haunts last May, leaving a store and stock of goods valued at more than \$4,000, resulted in the appointment of Louis A. Valdan, of Ridgefield this morning in the United States district court.

Bertotti, who for a number of years conducted a general store and banking business in Ridgefield, and had procured the confidence of the leading merchants of the town as well as his own countrymen from Italy, had

borrowed large sums of money prior to his disappearance. When the store was found to be closed a receiver was asked and Jacob Kaplan of New Haven appointed.

Prior to sale of the property the majority creditors demanded the appointment of a trustee under involuntary bankruptcy proceedings. Argument was heard this morning. Attorney William Cable appearing for the majority creditors, and Attorney Hiram of Hiram & Berlin, New York city, appearing for minority.

The trustee has been given permission to sell the stock, about \$4,000 of which is said to be in shoes, the market price of which has advanced so materially that larger revenues than expected may be realized.

It was learned that Bertotti, in endeavoring to leave the country was stopped by the immigration authorities at the Canadian border but released. His whereabouts are unknown, though he leaves many confiding persons in Ridgefield to mourn his disappearance.

COAL UP IN BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 21.—Retail prices for anthracite coal were marked up 25 cents a ton in this city today. The advance is the second of the year.

HUGHES OFFERS A SAD
FIGURE IN CAMPAIGN,
MR. M'CORMICK AVERS

BY VANCE C. M'CORMICK

Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

At last the truth is out. Candidate Hughes was nominated by the Republicans not because he was a hundred per cent. judge, but because for six years he had been a hundred per cent. sphinx.

The net result of Mr. Hughes' speech-making tour from New York to the Pacific Coast has been the complete disillusionment of the people concerning the man and his candidacy.

Calls Hughes Disappointment.

With a reputation of a man of high character, an able jurist and lawyer, possessing the respect of Democrats as well as of the respect and confidence of Republicans, much was expected of him. That he has disappointed all expectations, is to state the fact mildly. In a large measure he has forfeited the esteem of his opponents and the confidence of the better element among his supporters.

Instead of an intellectual discussion of issues and policies by a dignified and judicially minded candidate, the people have been inflicted with petty fault-finding, reckless misstatements and the cheap personalities and bitter partisanship that characterized ward politics of a quarter of a century ago.

Campaign on Low Level.

Mr. Hughes' Western campaign has been conducted upon the lowest level yet reached in a Presidential contest. It has been a campaign of low character. An ex-justice of the supreme court of the United States slinging campaign mud is not a spectacle to inspire admiration or to command public confidence.

The issues of this campaign are contained in the constructive and progressive achievements of Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Hughes has crossed the continent without having offered or suggested a single constructive policy. He has not even been instructive, but simply obstructive and destructive. The great lawyer has employed his legal ability in quibbling and the other petty methods usually confined to practice in police courts.

Johns Worst Partly Element.

With an opportunity to discuss ideas and the material interests of America, he has chosen to ally himself with the worst element in his own party and has appealed to the most selfish and most partisan instincts among his followers.

Without discussing a single vital issue of the campaign, he has held out to Wall Street the hope of restoring the financial empire of the de-throned buccaners of finance, whose chief aim is to repeal the Federal Reserve Bank act, which set credits free in the United States and made the nation panic proof, and to substitute

G. O. P. FACTIONS
WILL COLLIDE IN
SECOND DISTRICT

King and Northey Forces Expected to Stage Battle Tonight.

Tonight will witness a battle royal between John T. King and administration forces and A. Northey, Democrat. Ver H. Warner et al. in the Second district. John T. King's name will be on two delegate tickets unless some compromise is effected. The King forces want control of the Second district and they want that control so emphasized that there may be no question about the victory there.

James P. Kelly, the assistant city clerk, is leading the King faction against Northey, who was a Republican and a worker in the Second district when Republicans there were scarce as hen's teeth. A proof of Northey's generalship lies in the fact that without King's consent he will name him to head his ticket.

Others on the ticket will be himself and August Doerr, Jr., president of the Second District Republican club. The Kelly ticket will be John T. King as the head, James P. Kelly as second and James Stone, third. Stone is a former member of the charities commission. He will be the candidate of the district for alderman.

The primary lists were distributed today and the members of the club having finished the carnival are ready for war. The Second is the only district in which a primary fight may be expected this fall and this fight is said to be a personal dispute between King and Warner. John T. is alleged to have said that Jack Northey is only a messenger boy for Warner.

Northey's friends resent this statement. The contest this evening will be watched with much interest by everyone in Republican politics.

If King's name appears on either ticket it will appear without his consent.

COL. HENRY S. DORSEY
DISBURSING AGENT OF
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Col. Henry S. Dorsey of New London, has been appointed state disbursing agent for the Federal government under the New Defense Act and will have under his charge about \$800,000 in equipment and munitions. Col. Dorsey succeeds Adjutant-General George M. Cole in this position.

Col. Dorsey, who is the commanding officer of the Connecticut Coast Artillery Corps, will remain in that position but will transfer his headquarters from New London to Hartford. He will assume office this week.

The place of state disbursing agent for the federal government, which has been made a salaried office with pay of \$1,250 a year under the new defense act of June 3, is an important one.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

FIVE KILLED AS
BOILER BREAKS
IN MANUFACTORY

Several Missing Thought To Be In Ruins of Jackson, Tenn., Plant.

Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Five or more persons were killed and as many more injured by the explosion of a boiler at the plant of the Harlan Morris Manufacturing Co. here today. Several persons missing are believed to be in the ruins of the factory.

NONAGENARIAN,
ON FIRST AUTO
RIDE, IS KILLED

Machine Plunges Over 60 Foot Embankment, Bearing Family Party.

Salem, Va., Aug. 21.—A. W. Garner of Drapersville was 90 years old before he ventured to take a ride in an automobile and today he is dead. Yesterday afternoon the car in which he took his first ride plunged over a 60-foot embankment, turned over five times before it struck and killed Garner and injured four others, including his wife.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. Victor Gondos, former publisher, was a visitor in Bridgeport today. He intends to make this city his future home.

Booth Hopper, pitcher, was unconditionally released by the Minneapolis club of the American Association league.

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CHINESE PROTEST
MOVE TO RECALL
CONSUL GENERAL

Telegraph President Asking That 'Frisco Official May Stay Here.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent association, better known as the Chinese Six Companies, the organization that represents commercial China in America, sent a telegraphic protest last night to President Wilson asking him to prevent the removal from San Francisco of Chinese Consul General Shu Shun-Chin. Officials of the Six Companies declared that the consul's recall had been requested by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The charge against him, they said, was his activity in protesting against "the intolerable delays and exactions of the immigration service in landing merchants and other members of the exempt class at this port."

The telegram reads: "The condition attending the treatment of Chinese mercantile classes has been permitted by the bureau of labor to go on unchecked. Protests have been futile to secure courteous treatment and of prompt landing of Chinese merchants, students and even native-American born Chinese."

"Under the exclusion act our bankers, merchants and students have the right to enter this country under certain business restrictions."

"The countless wrongs and insults to which the immigration service subjected these exempt classes we have endeavored on many occasions to remove by respectful protests but without effect."

"Our merchant princes who come here prepared to throw open to the United States the rich and inexhaustible stores of Oriental trade and commerce through Pacific coast ports are, on their arrival, heeded in a detention shed and their wives are held in custody during weeks and often months of investigation, instead of being landed under unquestioned bonds as humanly demands. Students who seek nothing but an opportunity to learn the English language as a means to advancing the friendliness and trade of the two countries and even American-born Chinese are kept in the immigration station for months with their cases undecided."

"Against this abuse, Consul General Shu respectfully directed a protest and submitted scores of cases involving departmental delay of the grossest nature. The only answer he has received is an intimation of his removal."

President To Spend
Next Two Months at
Shadowlawn Quarters

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson plans to spend virtually all September and October at Shadowlawn, the summer White House in New Jersey. Removal of office furniture from the executive offices to the quarters engaged for clerks at Ashbury Park, was begun today. Practically the entire office force of the White House will go.

The report that the German Crown Prince, Frederick William, was wounded at Verdun is authoritatively denied.

Two masked men entered the office of the Pittsburgh Stopper Co. at Pittsburgh, and held a revolver at the head of A. Steinberg, the paymaster, took the payroll of \$900 from his desk and escaped.

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More noteworthy
August Attractions

An exceptional sale of women's ready-to-wear apparel opens Tuesday in our Cloak and Suit Shop on the second floor.

It will be a complete clearance of our entire summer stock, made necessary by the store alterations. The plans provide for an enlarged Garment Section and the summer goods must be out of the way so our immense new Fall stock can occupy the new space, ready to be shown September 1st or thereabouts. In the sale will be:



Entire stock of Summer

Dresses in white voile and
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Bedford Wash Skirts, in
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pearl buttons and patch
pockets. Excellent material,
well made and finished
beautifully. Many will wonder
how they can be priced
so low. Regular \$3.95 skirt
now \$1.95 for clearance



A special lot of Forsyth Waists is an added attraction. Made in semi-tailored styles of finest imported India Linen, trimmed with insertions of fine embroidery. Anyone will proclaim these waists a bargain, for they were excellent value at \$3.50
now \$1.95 for clearance

Dress Skirt Clearance

For this sale also the entire stock of Dress Skirts, including all late models, in Poplin, Serge, Taffeta and Broadcloth is now divided into three lots for quick selling:

Lot No. 1 includes all skirts up to and including \$7.50 for \$4.95

Lot No. 2 includes all skirts up to and including \$10.50 for \$6.95

Lot No. 3 includes all skirts up to and including \$16.50 for \$8.95

Sale starts Tuesday morning, 8:30.

Remember the Fur Sale
is still good.

August marks the limit, however. Prices are very low now on all furs, but all will be advanced September 1st. So if you have a new set of furs to consider, why not commit yourself to this advantageous saving offered now.

The best skins are here in well assorted styles awaiting your early selection. You will appreciate the economy later on.

At least come and see this unusual display while the assortment is good. They are selling quite rapidly, and the time grows short.

Dress Section, second floor.

September Number here

The Priscilla Fancy Work Magazine for September is here and now on sale at the Pattern and Art Departments, first and third floors.

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